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\$100,000 Powerball Winner Comes To Town

BISMARCK – Raymond Price, 78, his son, Duane, grandson, Gary, and family friend Pat Miller came to town today. They stopped in Mandan just like Raymond does once a month to buy his multiple draw Powerball ticket. And, just like always, he had the people at M & H Gas check his last month's ticket to see if he won anything. He had.

"I didn't know how much I had won until I got here," Raymond told Lottery officials. "We figured he had won \$600 since they told us at M & H that the prize was higher than the \$599 they are allowed to pay out," said Duane Price. Not a one of them thought Raymond had the winning \$100,000 ticket Lottery officials have been waiting to see.

"I'm kicking myself because I usually buy the Power Play and I didn't this time. You'd be writing me a check for \$400,000 if I had," said Raymond as Duane got his mom on his cell phone to tell her the \$100,000 news. When asked what he planned to do with the money Raymond said, "Well, I don't know. Maybe I'll help my grandson here with a new pickup," he said.

Raymond bought his winning Powerball ticket at Barlow's Miracle Mart in Mandan for \$24 -- three plays for eight drawings, May 28 through June 22. His numbers hit right away on the May 28th draw. Lottery officials have been waiting for a winner to come forward since then.

The Price family has been farming and ranching north of Mandan for five generations. "It couldn't have happen to a better guy or family," said friend Pat Miller. "He's lucky but doesn't gamble much. Yes, everybody loves Raymond," he added.

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